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OPPORTUNITY RENEWED

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door
And bid you wake and ride to fight and win.
Wail not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day;
At sunrise every soul is born again.
Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead
But never blind a moment yet to come.
Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;
I lend my arm to all who say, "I can!"
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep
But yet might rise and be again a man.
Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past
And find the future's pages white as snow.
Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell!
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven!
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

—Poems of Power.

*"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet
the inward man is renewed day by day," 2 Cor. 4:16.*

Notes From My Letters

By J. H. Walker, Gen'l Overseer

Good News

"I take this opportunity to inform you of the purchasing of a new state parsonage located in the city of Cambridge, Maryland. It is a seven-room house with modern, full basement and a fine pastor's study. It is a beautiful property and will be appreciated by all. You may see a picture of it in the Evangel soon. We paid \$5,500 for it. We have a place in the city of Dover, the state capital, in the heart of the city, and are to begin a meeting there the 8th of January. Pray for our success there.—Sincerely, D. C. Boatwright, state overseer."

"This is to say that at last we have purchased a state parsonage for Louisiana. The committee met in Baton Rouge, went to see, and approved a nice six-room house with bath, screened-in porches, front and back, with two lots

in the New Highland Addition, in a nice residential district of Baton Rouge.—W. C. Byrd, state overseer."

Telegram: "Purchased church, living quarters in rear. Raised entire amount in one service, over \$900.00. Deed recorded.—Carl M. Hughes, Tolstoy, South Dakota."

Telegram: "Just closed revival with B. T. S. male quartet. Best in the history of Easton church. Nineteen saved, twelve sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen added to the Church.—Rev. R. F. Koshewitz."

"We had our second district rally at Lynch, Kentucky. The services were good. The cash offering for the orphanage was \$451.22. Because of the snow and ice some of the churches on the district could not get there with their offerings. So with their offerings and the special offering which is to be taken Easter, the increase in the offering will be \$200 or more over the offering of last year.—Yours in the Master's service, W. J. Milligan, state overseer."

Notices

To All Exhorters and Evangelists Everywhere

Your 1942 certificates are void after January 1. Therefore we advise that you send in your certificates immediately.

Evangelists, send your certificates to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer.

Exhorters, send yours to your state overseer for renewal.

Remember that your licenses are of no value after December 31. — J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

To Church of God people moving to San Diego on defense work, our church is located at 3837 El Cajon Blvd. A cordial welcome awaits you at our church. If you have any friends you wish us to visit, drop us a card.—John Thompson, Rt. 1, Box 6-F, El Cajon, Calif.

Special Notice

This is to notify all state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendents that the money raised during our drive for the Bible Training School and College, as we celebrate the Silver Anniversary of this wonderful institution, will receive credit in the national contests.—Earl P. Paulk, National Supervisor, Y.P.E.'s and Sunday Schools.

Convention Dates

Bahama Islands—January 19-24
Mexico City District—March 26-28
Northern Mexico—April 1-4
(Places to be supplied)

Any reader of the Evangel who has a loved one in the armed services near Tampa, Fla., if you will write me I will be glad to go visit them and help them in any way I can.—G. W. Hodges, pastor, 4003 10th St., Tampa, Fla.

Anyone desiring my services in evangelistic work may address me at 339 Bridge St., Leaksville, N. C.—Evangelist Ida M. McGuire.

To all Church of God members and friends moving to Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Ky., or vicinity, our church is located at 446 E. Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, Ky. To those having relatives in the armed service at Fort Knox, Ky., please write us and we will try to contact them there.—Geo. W. Ayers, pastor, Camp Taylor, Ky.

There is an elderly gentleman who has been bedfast twelve months who needs spiritual help. If you have papers or tracts which you can spare, will you send them to E. M. Wilkinson, 5010 Blackburn Rd., Jacksonville, Fla.?

If a preacher isn't able to make his congregation think, he had better dismiss them and go to thinking himself.

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The Progress of Time

By J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS to you everywhere!

Brethren, isn't it alarming how swiftly time passes on! Here we are reflecting over another year that has slipped into history, and thinking of the secret holdings of the future. Today we stand hearty, healthy, vigorous, determined to take advantage of every golden opportunity presented; but who knows how soon we, like our comrades of the past, may fall in battle; that the end of our pilgrimage may be nearer than we can imagine! But so long as our life's sun is shining we shall ever endeavor to serve Him more faithfully.

Notice the text: "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you." Moses and Aaron here received of the Lord what they were afterwards to deliver to the people concerning the ordinances of the Passover, to which is prefixed an order for a new style to be observed in their months. Previous to this time they had celebrated the middle of September. It was believed that this was the beginning of creation when all the trees were full laden with delicious fruits. The month to which this verse refers, the month Ab.b, answers to part of our March and April, whereas it is supposed that previously to this the year began with Tisri, which answers to a part of our September.

There are so many lessons that may be derived from this study of the scriptures that we can touch only some of them. I am impressed with the thought, however, that in the midst of their business and with their lives so full of cares, with their hearts having been so burdened by the Egyptians pressing them so sorely, God called on the children of Israel not to forget religion. Neither should we suffer ourselves to be overtaxed with the cares of life, the horribleness of war, the multiplicity of business. None of these should hinder us from giving our true devotion to God.

Another thing that we particularly notice is that they were not to go without first the shedding of blood of animals, preparing a meal which must all be eaten that day for on the morrow God began to care for them. Notice that

the animal was not to be killed and sacrificed on the altar as before. Not the priests but the heads of each family or of two or three families came together and killed the animals and prepared the food, thus, so beautifully exemplifying our approach to Christ that we may receive benefits personally and directly and that each day God provides and takes care of us. He wants us to trust Him. His blessings of last year will not suffice for this year. The blessings of yes-



terday will not suffice for today. Give us this day our daily bread!

My soul is thrilled when I think of the blood, the precious blood of which these were only symbols and prefigures—The Redeeming blood of Christ. With the poet and musician my soul is singing, "His blood is on my soul, His blood is on my soul. I rest securely in His hand, His blood is on my soul." The Lord was determined to take His people to Himself according to His own wisdom, and

THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained,
Fresh from the hand of God.
Each day, a precious pearl to you is given
That you must string upon the silver thread of life.
Once strung can never be unthreaded but stays
An undying record of your faith and skill.
Each golden minute link you then must weld into the chain of hours
That is no stronger than its weakest link.
Into your hands is given all the wealth and power
To make your life just what you will.
To give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months
Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;
The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber.
All that I have I give with love unspoken.
All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken!

—J. D. Templeton

Text, Exodus 12:2:

"This month shall be unto you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you."

bring them to the promised land, where He was to instruct them in things that were figurative for the day having "a shadow of good things to come."

Through these different types, ceremonies, and sacrifices we are taught of God our lessons, therefore let us know His will. Let us ask to have that will engraved upon our hearts. There is a longing, there is a hungering within to lift our hearts more abundantly to Him who is the author of omnipotent power, saying, "Thy will be done." That Lamb of God put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself for my redemption. He is able to satisfy that longing and draw us nearer to Him. We admit that we cannot understand all these mysteries, how it is done. There are some mysteries connected with that night of deliverance that is nothing short of a mystery. Some of it, however, is very significant to us in this present day.

Notice that they were to eat the paschal lamb with their staff in their hands and shoes on their feet and with their loins girded. God gives us the staff of promise with which we may fight our enemies. Nothing in the world so defeats the enemy like having the promise of God placed before you when Satan maliciously tempts. Being shod denotes preparation, ready to march immediately. This should certainly be a clarion note sounded throughout the world—to be ready always, morning, noon, and night. If awakened from sleep by the coming of the Lord, you will be ready to say, "Here am I, Lord, receive me. We have been waiting for your coming."

They were to have their loins girded with the girdle of truth. Gird up the loins of your mind; be sober and hope to the end. Listen further to the precious

words, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Can you be satisfied without progress, development, when you remember the words, "Forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"? God gives strength to work, and man works by the strength which God gives him. We must be able to impart some spiritual en-

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Religion and the World

By the Editor

Missions Helped

The Foreign Mission Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, recently, stated that "The World Christian Mission has helped to create the revolutionary demand for full human rights to people, which is emerging today."

Jewish Activity

According to Jewish Missionary Magazine, 1,070 children from Poland, Rumania and Hungary will soon enter Palestine, as a result of negotiations with the British Government. Six hundred thousand Jews now stand primed ready for battle, facing the common enemy on a common front in the Holy Land. More than 500 students of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have enlisted for military service with the armed forces on the Middle-Eastern front."

Demanding Halt of Beer

Women's Christian Temperance Union, Evanston, Ill., through Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, national president, has called upon Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard asking that he call a halt at once to the brewing of beer. She described the brewing of beer as a wholesale waste of good products at a time when all the world is on short rations. By the brewers' own figures, she declared, 2,765,269,658 pounds of malt, corn, sugar, syrups, rice, and hops are used annually for beer production in the United States.

Courage and Stick-to-it-iveness

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Jewish soldier who was taken prisoner at Tobruk, not only succeeded in escaping from the Germans, but even managed to bring a German tank back to the British lines. The soldier, Private A. N. Goldman, of a South African unit, after escaping in the German tank, was stopped in the desert by a German mobile patrol. He killed the driver of the patrol car, took the accompanying German soldier prisoner and arrived at the British military camp with the tank and the captured German.—*Jewish Voice*.

Church Union

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary and church leader, proposed the union of all churches of the United States into a merger to be known as the Church of Christ in America. This would unite the Federal Council of Churches and the

seven other bodies which represent the "principal education, missionary" Protestant churches of the United States. There has been for some time a constant breaking away from the Federal Council of Churches by many of the various denominations, because of its communistic leanings and teachings. It is quite difficult to see just how another union could be successfully formed among those who have been dissatisfied with the Federal Council, intent upon retaining them in a new fellowship.

Bible in Schools

A report issued by the North Carolina Council of Churches described as "phenomenal progress" accomplishments in introducing Bible courses in the public schools of North Carolina during the past year and a half. Elective courses, according to reports from the council, included "elective courses in Bible" in more than seventy communities and reaching 19,500 students each week. The report continues that "North Carolina is the first state in the union to include the certification of Bible teachers in its professional program."

The Bible Again

The Oxford University Press advised me relative to an order for large size better Scofield Bibles, that they did not have "one" in stock, that all were out of print until in March. We have reasonably plenty of the smaller sizes of the Scofield Bible, two large print plain bindings and two loose-leaf bindings. We have plenty of various patterns of the Oxford Bibles and some New Analytical Bibles, also the Nelson Bibles. The American Bible Society alone has distributed 1,200,000 copies of Scripture among service men. If you are in need of a Bible, you had better order it now.

Nicotine

Temperance means a lot of things besides liquor, according to The Christian Herald. "In tobacco, for instance. We think the intemperance in smoking now running wild in this country is something for all of us to think about. The University of California has been conducting some experiments to find out how nicotine acts on rats. Nicotine poisoning was found to derange the sexual cycles of the females, to reduce the birth rate as much as 30 per cent, and to increase infant mortality as much as

42 per cent in the first generation, 13 per cent in the second. It looks to us like a pretty good use for rats, but who has ever found a really good use for nicotine?"

Bible Sales Up

Last year there were 8,096,977 copies of the Bible sold. This is a remarkable accomplishment, which attests the powerful influence of the written Word upon men's hearts. Between the years 1937 and 1939 the number of copies of fiction sold fell off fifty per cent, from 25,454,135 copies in 1937 to 13,511,181 in 1939. The demand for Bibles in Europe is far in excess of the supply. The supply of Bibles in Italy is exhausted, a limited supply exists in certain conquered countries.

While Satan tries to blot out the Word of God and the civilization of the creation of God, the testimony that there is a God and the desire to know Him increases according to the progress of satanic opposition.

Prayer

Mrs. D. L. Cooper, writing on "Prayer" in the Biblical Research Monthly, says, "Let a British magazine tell us something." "What is the evidence to which we have just referred? During 1940 there were three days of national prayer—May 26, August 11, and September 8—and each was followed within a week by an event of historic importance for the future of Great Britain. After May 26 came the miraculous deliverance of the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkerque; after August 11, the Young People's Day of Prayer, came those terrific victories in the air, which are looked upon by many authorities as the turning-point in the war, and victories which, with wonderful significance, were given to us by the hand of young men; and in view of what has since leaked out it is difficult to doubt that within a week of September 8 came a definite attempt at the invasion of this country, which was repulsed. Another most significant happening is that just as our great sister nation across the sea—the United States—joined us in prayer on the third of these days, so since that date there has been a drawing together between our nation and Empire and the United States, that has had no previous parallel. Is anything too hard for the Lord? Experience confidently answers no; and such recollections as these should help us to pray with greater faith, persistence, and intensity than ever before."

The man who knows what he does not know as well as he knows what he does know is well qualified to keep his place and keep out of the other fellow's road.

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The Year of Our Lord 1943

By EARL P. PAULK
2nd Asst. Gen. Overseer

SHOULD BE THANKFUL

EACH one should be, indeed, thankful in that we are permitted to live to see this another new year. Yes, our God has been extremely good and mindful of each one to bring us thus far. Yes, it is alone through Him that we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). He has appointed our bounds and we cannot pass. Thus, He has said we could go so far, but no farther without His permission. Yes, He has determined our days and the number of our months are with Him (Job 14:5). And being so mindful of us, He has gone so far as to count our steps (Job 14:16) and to number the hairs of our heads (Matt. 10:30).

Meditating upon these wonderful thoughts, it is only natural for us to think about what David said, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" (Psa. 8:4.) Yes, He has been graciously mindful of us. While we are still here, millions have already gone on out into eternity with their deeds, whether good or bad, without any chance to change anything.

How grateful we should be that we still have a chance to better our ways! Therefore let each of us endeavor to do so in this 1943. I truly and conscientiously feel that this should be the desire of each of us, that we should grow in the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in this a new year.

YE HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY HERETOFORE

Truly as Joshua said to Israel, "Ye have not passed this way heretofore," we have an untrodden path before us that no human feet have gone before; and more than this, we do not know how long or short the path or journey before us is. Yea, before this 1943 has passed away, there is no doubt that many of us will have gone the way of all humanity (death); and if Jesus tarries through this new year, those who are left to trod the unbeaten road will have many trials, disappointments, and sorrows to go through. But let each one take courage and know that if we will so conduct ourselves that the God of Enoch can afford to walk with us as He did with Enoch (Genesis 5:24), we need not fear the outcome. God cannot and will not fail His people.

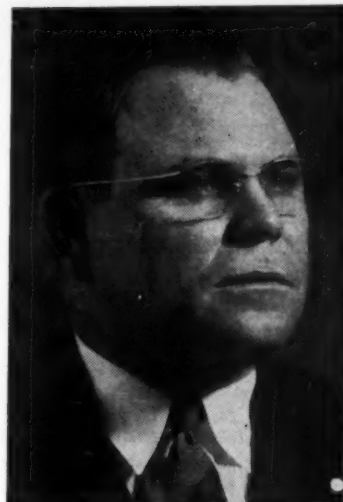
ENCOURAGEMENT

It is altogether true at this crucial time that we stand in dire need of encouragement. So let us remember the words of our God (Malachi 3:6), "I am the Lord and I change not." Therefore it is certainly encouraging to remember when God's people were in bondage unto the taskmasters of Egypt, they cried unto their God and He came to their rescue and delivered them. Let us think of how He led them by day by the cloud and by night by the pillar of fire. How wonderful! But to do things like this is very easy for a wonderful God like ours. When the people became hungry, they were fed from heaven's kitchen with the most delicious bread (manna) prepared there.

The question came, "What about some meat to eat?" God answered, "I will send them quail to eat." So He did—the very best meat possible. Well, our God always gives the very best to His followers. When the time for water came, God said to Moses, "Speak to the rock, and water will come." So their thirst was quenched by the good, cold, refreshing water that flowed from the rock. Down to the Red Sea they came. Pharaoh's army came also, and seemingly there was no way of escape for them. But our great God said for them to stand still and see the salvation of their God. And there and then the great impossible to man happened! He (God) opened the Red Sea, and the people walked across on dry ground. Glory be to our eternal God! And even today we have reiterated to us (Hebrews 13:8) "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." The very same power God manifested for His people back there He can and will manifest for us today if necessary.

HIS PRESENCE

Exodus 33:14, "My presence shall go with thee." These precious words mean as much in 1943 as when they were spoken. Storms, wars, pestilences, and persecutions may come; but if He is there, hallelujah, we will surely come out victorious! Daniel came out of the lions' den unharmed because of God's presence; and the Hebrew children came from the fiery furnace without even the smell of fire on them because of His wonderful and Almighty power and presence. Many times we are not conscious of His divine presence to the ex-



Text, "Ye have not passed this way heretofore,"
Joshua 3:4.

tent that He is with us. When once a young man was troubled because of the presence of the enemy, the man of God (Elisha) prayed for the Lord to open the young man's eyes so that he might see that they "that are with us are more than those that are with the enemy." When his eyes were opened, he beheld the mountains full of horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:16, 17).

Our Lord has also said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). When we really stop to think as we should we realize that that is as long as we could expect Him or His help for this world—until we will have come to the end of our journey.

Again, our Lord has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). This promise holds good even for 1943. The writer feels that of all things we need in this day and age we need most the presence of our God and the power of the Holy Ghost in our services. Without the presence and power of the Holy Ghost, our singing, even though it may be done in a scientific way, and our preaching, though it may be preached, as far as homiletics is concerned, in a perfect manner, will accomplish no good. We will have only a form of godliness, denying the power thereof. Let us pray that God will fill our churches with His divine presence, fill our choirs and pulpits with power and grace and glory to the extent that we will have an old-time Pentecostal revival, where God will receive praises continually from the lips of

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IN 2 Corinthians 4:5

we read these words: "For Jesus' sake." To the Christian there are no words more common than these. They are used at the close of most public prayers and doubtless of private prayers also. They are so common that there is danger that we forget their importance. They are words of great significance and power. For the reader to understand them in the beginning of this new year and then be guided by what they imply throughout the year, will afford him a depth of understanding and give him full-time employment in the understanding and application of our text. He will have an opportunity to use his every talent and to discipline his mind, spirit, and body; and, of course, this would glorify God and bless his fellow man. For all that is worth while and all that really counts, everything that either a human or heavenly being can contribute toward making 1943 a year of pleasure to God and a year that all honorable people desire it to be, even all the blessings from heaven and earth, have a sacred connection with Jesus. Why not connect our New Year's resolutions and all of our 1943 business, conduct, and behavior with Him; and when questioned by angels, men, or devils as to our motives, we will be able to furnish a simple, short, but profound and complete answer in these three words, "For Jesus' sake."

To make plain our sacred topic, let us consider it as, first, being

The Ground of Acceptance With God

Yes, our living, our words, deeds, and even our desires should be acceptable with God. The question arises, "How can men at all times be in favor with their Maker?" The difficulty is not with angels in heaven but we mortals in earth, and we find the great obstruction to acceptance with our Lord within our individual lives, in our society, in the church; and anything and everything we endorse and indulge in or do that cannot rightfully bear the inscription "For Jesus' sake" most certainly will grieve the Lord's heart, meet with His disfavor and invite His wrath.

Our New Year's resolutions and our 1943 doings, if accepted at all, must be accepted in the Beloved for the sake of what Jesus has done, for the sake of the contribution of what He has made in our behalf. We are received into a state of favor with God, this great blessing is conferred by the Father in recognition of Jesus' merits. Let us not forget but ask that our pure minds be stirred up to the fact that 1943, at the first clock tick, invites us to place ourselves before our Maker in such a way that we

For Jesus' Sake

By R. P. JOHNSON, First Asst. Gen'l Overseer

can be accepted of Him.

Oh, listen, "For Jesus' sake." How wonderful! These words have furnished an unselfish plea in prayer. There certainly cannot be any reason or virtue within ourselves as to why we should be saved from past offences, future perils, or tribulations; so there is no reason within us why our prayers should be heard. No doubt, the true history of 1942 will reveal millions of rejected prayers because we wanted them answered for our own sakes. Those who cannot, from the depth of their hearts, ask a favor from on high or seek to be blessed for His sake have no credit with God. We have no



spiritual deposit, no reason of merit on which to draw. How, then, are our prayers to avail? Our answer is, "Only for Jesus' sake." This we learn from Romans 8:32, "For he that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" It is because of our connection with the Son of God that God freely gives us all things.

James says that the prayer of the righteous availeth much. Paul said Christ is made righteousness unto us. Therefore He is our righteousness and it is because, and only because of Him and our connection with Him, that God can freely answer our prayers and give us those things we need. And God knows that we are going to need help from heaven this year, and we should place ourselves before Him in such a scriptural way that we can begin receiving that help the

first day of the year. 1 John 2:1 we read, "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous." Though He pleads for sinners and for erring saints, He is righteous. The

presence of an unrighteous advocate could not be tolerated in heaven. Jesus alone has all the qualifications. He is able and willing to present a valid reason why prayers offered in His name should be granted. The reason is His mediation. 1 Timothy 2:5 says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

The resources of our Lord's merit is as exhaustless as the virtues and attributes of God. "For Jesus' sake" is a plea that includes and accepts the whole perfection, the will, and way of Christ as revealed in His gospel and accepts this as the ideal of the petitioner's heart, the object of his endeavor, most earnest and honest effort, in consideration of what Jesus is and what He has done.

God cannot only hear prayer but insists on our coming boldly to the throne of grace; but His invitation is on the ground that we come with a true heart, a heart that can say, "I come for Jesus' sake." When we say, "For Jesus' sake," surely these words are suggestive of a true plea in prayer, and simply mean that we must come into His holy presence by the new and living way consecrated by the blood of the living Son of God. We must approach God in the words of the poet who writes, "His blood is on my soul." With the blood of the Mediator on our hearts and His name on our lips, God hears prayer, but only for Jesus' sake. At the beginning of this new year, let us not deceive ourselves by taking things for granted or by our trust in the arm of flesh. We must have divine aid if we are able to survive the trials of the coming months. Those of us who are kept from the evils of the year must and will be kept by the power of God only.

Service worthy of the inscription which says, "Ye are the light of the world, ye are the salt of the earth," must have the endorsement of God. Any progress we make toward purging our own lives, and also the Church, of inward cumbrances (which if not overcome will sooner than we think wreck our good influence and destroy our usefulness) must be made under the direction of the Almighty.

I would be inconsistent and even dishonest with my conviction should I, for psychological reasons or effects, write a New Year's article which would lead you to believe that we are enjoying the divine

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The Minister's Association With the Opposite Sex

BY JOHN C. JERNIGAN

INFLUENCE is the preacher's most valuable asset. He should, therefore, with all diligence and perseverance, seek to preserve it. When a minister's influence is gone, the power of his ministry is ruined. He might as well begin looking for another job.

The most dangerous enemy to the preacher's influence is improper association with the opposite sex. Other enemies may wreck his influence, but most any other wreck is easier cleaned up than a wreckage from the destroyed influence over a downfall with improper relationship with the opposite sex.

Preachers are walking epistles, known and read by all men. So much is not expected of any other set of men upon the face of the earth. And no other body of men are so closely watched. The preacher is usually accepted as an example for right living. All eyes are turned toward him. The mistakes of a minister are magnified. When he slips the world hears about it, and the cause of Christ suffers.

The preacher is no immunity, but is the outstanding object of attack by the common enemy. If the leader of Christianity can be apprehended by the enemy, he scores an unlimited victory against the cause of righteousness. Since the preacher is under constant attack and his downfall continually sought, he should be the most careful man living.

The enemy who has waged war against mankind for the last thousands of years, knows the weakness of man and the best methods of attack to subdue him. Woman was made for the glory of man and man has always gloried in her. A beautiful woman is the most attractive thing in the world to the average man. All this the devil well knows, and often makes his attack upon preachers through a beautiful, slick-tongued woman. Such an attack upon the true minister of God is only dangerous where he is lacking in self-control and minus of the grace of God.

PROTECTION

There are three fortified positions for the preacher against temptations with the opposite sex. As a safety-first measure the preacher would do well to live behind the walls of all three of these positions. They are as follows:

1. Live under the blood.
2. Keep the body under subjection.
3. Get married.

LIVE UNDER THE BLOOD. As long as the man of God remains wholly consecrated, all his sins under the blood, he will be able to resist temptations. The blood of Christ, which is the only remedy for sin, is the preacher's best protection.



KEEP THE BODY UNDER SUBJECTION. "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed," James 1:13, 14. Paul, the great preacher, said, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway," 1 Cor. 9:27.

Temptations can often be headed off by keeping the body in subjection. Temptations come when one is drawn away of his own lust. Paul, fearing the consequence of allowing the liberty of his own flesh to dictate his course in life, sought to subdue the deeds of the flesh and to bring his body unto subjection to righteousness, lest he himself, after having preached unto others to live holy, might be a castaway into hell.

There will be men cast into hell who at one time proclaimed the sacred words of life and saw people saved from their sins under their ministry. To see a backslidden preacher walking around reminds me of a graveyard. One time alive, seeking the lost sheep, but now dead in sin. The most disgraceful scene on earth is a backslidden preacher.

GET MARRIED. There is a woman in the world for every man and the

preacher should find his. A good wife is an asset to any minister of the gospel. She has a place in his work and is a protection to his influence. There seems to always be a vacancy, a lack of something missing in the pastoral work of a single man. No preacher has all that is essential to his work until he establishes a home.

CAREFUL LIVING

All men should be careful in their living and in their association with the opposite sex, and especially the minister of God who has been intrusted with the Word of God and the instruction of the Church. There might be some liberties allowed other men that a minister would have to deny himself of.

The minister of the gospel can not afford to make it a practice of stopping his car on the street and taking in his neighbor's wife, though they both are going home, or across town to the same place. Yes, it would be a Christian act if the minister's wife was along, but in her absence the minister lays himself liable to a great deal of unjust criticism and a loss of influence.

The minister who makes a practice of visiting a certain home during the absence of the husband is skating on thin ice. It would be hard to convince the world that his intentions were holy. An innocent man might possibly be accused. In this case the best defence he could put would be to stay away and far away from that home.

The pastor who spends more time on the ladies' side of the church house, shaking hands and playing with the children, than he does on the men's side, is watched. When the pastor shakes hands with the lady member, he should do so and turn her hand loose. If he has words necessary to speak to her, let him speak and pass on.

It is not good for a minister to spend too much time talking to any one certain woman regardless of the subject. She may hold some important office in the church and it will be necessary for the pastor to consult with her, but he should do so from a business standpoint and make his discussions as brief as possible and at such a time and place as will cause no suspicion.

The women certainly have their place in the church, and their work is most valuable. The church could hardly be run without them. The minister must, therefore, recognize their importance, treat them with the highest regard and uttermost respect, give them every opportunity to serve in the capacity where in they are best fitted to work. All this

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New Year Revolutions and Resolutions

By E. C. Clark, Editor and Publisher

WE spoke of "revolutions" as an act of God, and this we think is quite true. Those things which do not meet divine approval most assuredly are to be overthrown, whether things pertaining to the natural or spiritual world. During the measures of time we have certain seasons of the year in which material things are dealt with at the hand of God. We also have dispensations and ages in which God deals with both material and spiritual things. The purpose of these dispensations and ages was to provide time for the experimentation and graduation of things known in the purpose and mind of God. From these divine acts we have had and will continue to have many changes. Certainly God saw that it would be to His glory to have such changes and measures of time.

Man-made Revolutions

Man also has designed to have both "revolutions" and also to make "resolutions." Mankind purposes to accomplish "revolutions" supposedly for the betterment of man. This, however, depends upon man's philosophy, whether good or bad, and whether it is in harmony with the will of God or out of harmony with His will. Man's revolutions will certainly be counteracted by God if such are not to the best interest of man and at the same time to the glory of God. Two mighty forces are engaged in trying to change conditions as to material things and the face of civilization—mankind and God. Therefore, we have acts and counteracts—acts of men counteracted by God. Man's political ideas determine his revolutions and sometimes his resolutions. The present world chaos is due to false pseudo-political ideals. These things are in direct conflict with the purpose of the gospel, which when it has its final fulfillments will "turn the world upside down."

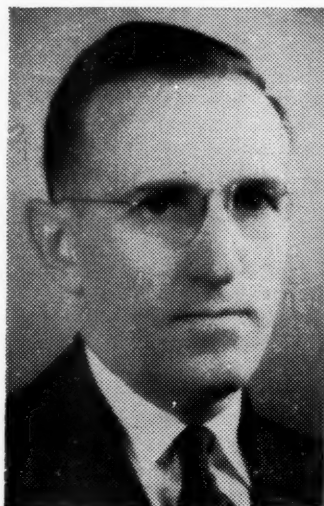
The Fig Tree

Material changes had affected the fig tree and rendered it fruitless, though according to "revolutions" of time "the time of figs was not yet." Christ came if "happily," if perchance He might find fruit. The hopefulness of God, the trust He has placed in mankind in providing the gospel as a basis of a negotiated peace and as a means of reconciliation, is particularly evident. The divine expectancy of God gives cause for any immediate intervention and suddenness of call He may choose to make toward any of His creatures.

Regardless of what plans man may make as to revolutions or resolutions, it

INTRODUCTION: As time rolls on, we enter and pass through many revolutions. There are those revolutions effected by time itself; then there are other revolutions effected by mankind in regard to certain attainments or accomplishments. The former is the act of God, the latter the acts of men.

Text, "And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet," Mark 11:13.



remains that unless these are effectively wrought in God, there will be "no figs." If we are to take the words of our Lord in St. John 15 chapter, "The branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine," then we readily realize that whatever we do as to revolutionary reform, as well as purposed resolutions, we must make them by the grace and aid of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Looking Back

There are many of us, who, as the years roll by, are forced at least once each year to look back wistfully and sometimes lamentably, desiring to change some things that have happened. If we have borne no fruit as ministers or as Christians, then there is very good reason for such anxious moments. There is one thing we may all remember and it is this, "The branch cannot bear fruit of itself." We may as well get down to rock-bed consecration and "abide in the vine" or we will have more New Year periods that

"are nothing but leaves." Unfortunately, we cannot exclaim, "The time of figs is not yet." God has provided for us to "bear fruit" and most assuredly will hold us responsible for our failure to do so. Therefore, revolutions or resolutions, whichever we may plan or make, must be accompanied by divine assistance and therefore made in the will of the Lord. All too many, about this time of the year, make plans for many things and do not have either the will power or the power of the Spirit of the Lord to make them into living realities of triumphs.

Resolutions Not Enough

Regardless of how good our intentions may be, it is not enough to make resolutions. We must consecrate and remain so if we are not to be constantly, year after year, caught making the same unfulfilled promises unto God again and again. We must all remember that after the Lord had "happily" sought, but in that He found not, He set into motion other terrible realities. Here it is: "Let no man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever." There is a time to all things; i. e., today. If we idle the opportunities away that God gives today, there may be none given unto us for tomorrow. Resolutions must be accompanied by power of will and power of the Spirit to give force to them. These resolutions should have been made at the altar of prayer where God saved you and me. Once made, a faithful and carefully guarded and planned life need not be hindered or spoiled by failure, which always necessitates new resolutions and consecrations. Our consecration may never be as thorough as it should be, however, it should at all times be sufficient to keep us headed in the right direction.

These perilous times call us away from our own ideas and make urgent demands upon us, that God may lead us in all our undertakings. Therefore, resolutions, whether New Year or otherwise, must become a manifestation of realities in our lives by the grace of God. The Church, the ministry and the layman are all alike under terrific pressure, driving us either closer or farther from God. New Year in the main is but another day; it is, however, a day of tremendous purport if we are not at our best. What is ours to do today should be dealt with accordingly as God has dealt to every man the measure of grace.

May God grant unto us that as we enter the new year it will be filled with prayerful and fruitful activities for His glory. May God make all grace to abound unto all blessing and fruitfulness.



Foreign Missions



This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

HEALING OF A LEPER

Soornad Out-station,
Travancore State,
South India.

Recently at Soornad out-station three followed the Lord in water baptism, two of these being a man named Thevan Pulayan and his wife. His new name is Paul and he has much to praise the Lord for since he has been healed of leprosy. This disease began three or four years ago. He cleared a grove of trees considered sacred by the Hindus for it was a place infested by snakes which they worship. While digging he destroyed some of the eggs of the snakes.

After a time pain started in his left arm and increased as time went on. Though he sought the aid of different physicians, taking the treatment they prescribed, he grew worse, a white rising in the skin appearing in his elbow. Sorcerers were brought and they "divined," saying that this leprosy came because he destroyed the grove devoted to serpents and brought their eggs to light. To appease the anger for this, he spent the money he had saved to buy a rice field and also the paddy (unthreshed rice) he then had on hand, but to no avail.

Another diviner was called who promised to rid him of the disease. For it he demanded twenty ounces of cocoanut oil, five cocoanuts, five hen's eggs, and chuckrams made with gold, silver, copper and iron. (A chuckram is a coin worth about one cent.) These were supplied and the diviner tried the best way he had learned to cure the man, but with no success. He finally said that the disease could not be cured; it was God's anger being shown toward the man. He therefore advised him to visit a certain temple, bathe every Sunday and worship a god there for twelve months, as a last resort for healing.

Accordingly, every Sunday, for four months, before eating or even drinking water, he bathed and worshipped at this temple. Before this he had only a rising in the skin and swelling on the back of his hand, with pain, but the pain grew worse, the fingers began to ulcerate, and the fingers of his left hand were drawn together, drawn in. From then on he had to do all his work with his right hand only. In this condition he went to another place where he received injections for one month, but this did no good. Then

he went to a very good doctor, who after carefully examining some of his blood, said that his case was hopeless.

He returned home discouraged and told his wife that he would have to die little by little as his body decayed, and thus he would be a nuisance to his neighbors. He wanted to remain in one room of their house by himself. "Let me die there," he said to his wife. He was thankful that he still had enough means left for the maintenance of the family.

Our pastor, Brother Koshy, in Noornad, had often talked with Paul, giving him advice; also another of our brothers there had talked with him, but still he looked to man to heal, and hearing of another doctor, went to see him, this man being a so-called Christian. The latter promised to heal the man within forty-one days if he would remain with him. One rupee (about 32c) was at once given as advance. Paul stayed there for six days, taking medicine. On the seventh day there was a prayer meeting in the house, with a visiting evangelist present. When they began to pray, a message came forth in tongues with interpretation by the Holy Spirit, that it was wrong for this doctor to say that he could heal a heathen man suffering from leprosy, by treatment, and that he should confess it and pray. The leper was asked to come out and he was prayed for, after which he went home, giving up medical treatment. I quote from what Brother Koshy writes further about him:

"I used to go to his house to see him and talk to him; I also talked to his brother, asking him to bring the sick man to my house to fast and pray on the following Friday. He was brought on that day and he, my wife and I were fasting and praying for his healing. While talking to him about the terribleness of sin, he came under real conviction and began to confess his sins one by one. He then fully gave his heart to the Lord and prayed. After reading Exodus 15:26, I talked to him about divine healing, reading to him portions from the Gospels which tell about the Lord healing lepers. We again began to pray, it then being about half past nine o'clock, and continued in prayer for about an hour or more. While we were praying the great power of the Spirit of God came upon me and my hand by itself was raised up and placed upon the diseased part of the hand of the sick man. At once he said,

"The Lord has caught hold of my hand," and stretched forth the doubled up hand. Praise the Lord! His old name was then changed and we called him by the new name of Paul. He then prayed and said that he would bathe the next day.

"Glory to God! The man who had not been able to do any work for four months with his diseased hand, worked in his compound the next day with four other men from morning till evening. On the following Monday he was able to pick fruit from a tree with the hand that had been healed. Also he climbed up in a cocoanut tree which is in our compound and picked cocoanuts for us. Last month he sold green leaf sticks cut with his own hands for Rs. 15, in this way earning money for the support of his family. All these things were made possible by the power of God.

"Before we went to pray in Paul's house, they used to see a snake and they have tried to kill it, but after going there and dedicating them and the house to the Lord, that snake has not entered for these past five months. Now that that brother and his wife of the house, where Satan's seat was, have been born again, the Almighty God is dwelling in their hearts and their house. There is no place for the devil there. Because of the wondrous change both in body and soul of this leprous man, there is a great seeking among the heathen, after its secret. The chief men of the place are asking him where such a great God is. He replies, 'God is dwelling in my heart.'

"We held meetings for three days at his house, under a small pandal put up for the purpose. A goodly crowd of Hindus came. Much prayer is needed for those who have heard the truth. I request you to pray for them."

Later (October 10) Brother Koshy wrote as follows: "God Himself by His grace is bringing many souls into this truth through miracles and wonders by stretching forth His hand. Four families more have been added to this church within the last two weeks. The reason for this was the deliverance of a woman from demon possession.

"In the same house a woman was suffering from different diseases; they spent much money and unthreshed rice but she was not healed. After she was prayed for, with fasting, by God's grace she was healed. All these are coming for

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Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they should be signed.

Pray For

The healing of my little son, he will be five years old and can't talk or hear as he should; my husband.—Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Rt. 1, Royal Oak, Mich.

The healing of Brother Robert Parker, North Chattanooga, Tenn., who is confined with diabetes.—W. T. W.

The Lord to heal my baby; my home.—Martha Page, Rhodhiss, N. C.

My body to be healed, D. V.—Mrs. Jessie Merritt, Ferndale, Fla.

My mother, Mrs. Ida Teal, to be healed of something like rheumatism, she suffers so much at times; me to be healed of head and stomach trouble.—Mrs. Jessie Cahela, Rt. 4, Boaz, Ala.

The healing of my ear and strengthening of my body.—Mrs. McLellan, North Seco, Maine.

The healing of Rev. C. H. Sharp, 621 N. Ash, Ada, Okla., who is suffering from a nervous breakdown and is very ill; his wife who has been in the hospital to be healed.—Mrs. Vola Johnson, 2419 J. St., Omaha, Nebr.

The healing of Willie Mae Hayes, she is much better; I am healed but can't walk as yet, so pray that I will be able to walk; Nathaniel Hayes.—Mrs. S. L. Hayes, Eustis, Fla.

The Lord to heal my body, I have a severe cough; our baby to be healed.—Eva Jones, Salem, S. C.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Mrs. Bessie Smith, Gen. Del., Pine Bluff, Ark.

God to heal my husband of some kind of trouble with his back; my sister to be healed; my sister-in-law to be healed; the healing of my brother's baby, the doctor says there are worms in the bones of the baby; my mother and me; the healing of a neighbor's baby.—Mrs. J. H. Evans, 3225 Virginia St., Coconut Grove, Fla.

My family and me, I need your prayers very badly.—Mrs. Brownie Fulbright, Cleveland, Tenn.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. W. S. Morrow, Borger, Tex.

The healing of my body of gall bladder trouble.—Mrs. Ethel Aldridge, Rt. 2, Alma, Ga.

Me to be healed of neuritis, rheumatism and a tumor on my side. — A friend, Bath, S. C.

Continue to pray for the healing of my body.—Miss Josephine Aikens, Box 3513, Orlando, Fla.

Me to be healed of a nervous breakdown; my daughter to be healed of a hurting in her right side; my other daughter to be healed of an inward goitre and eczema on the back of her limb.—Sallie Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 7, Hallsboro, N. C.

The healing of my eyes.—Mrs. Goldie Postlewait, Rt. 2, Konawa, Okla.

The healing of Mrs. Minnie L. Jenkins' son, also pray for her.—Mrs. H. G. Rowe, Steele, Ala.

God to unstop the deaf ears of my adopted son, Herman Mehrer, age twenty, deafness caused by falls when a child.—Rev. A. Harrison Booth, 10017 85th Ave., Edmonton, Alberta.

The healing of my body, I am very sick with what may be a cancer.—Mrs. L. E. Alford, Rt. 2, Ponce de Leon, Fla.

Me to be healed of heart trouble and a nervous condition and my health to be restored; unspoken request.—Mrs. Bessie Jamison, Old Fort, N. C.

The healing of my mother, Mrs. Haley Maynard, Rt. 1, Georgetown, Ohio, she is in a serious condition.—Ethel Smith, 801 S. Main St., Georgetown, Ohio.

My mother's health and my place to be worked out in the Army, both to the glory of God.—Pvt. Jeff D. Smith, Co. D., 2nd Bn., Camp Wheeler, Ga.

The healing of R. C. Wyatt's limbs; Carry Haynes' baby to be healed; my throat to be healed. — Cordia Haynes, Mertie, N. C.

My health to be restored; my sons.—A sister in Christ, Smithville, Tenn.

The healing of two sisters in the Lord—one of gallstones. She had an operation for same and is in a serious condition—the other of heart trouble; my brother to be healed of epilepsy.—Margie Leach, Rt. 1, Lake City, Ark.

My brother to be healed of a bad liver trouble and to be saved.—Mrs. Arthur Winesett, Rt. 1, Bland, Va.

My brother, John Bull, 415 N. Finley Ave., Norman, Okla., to be healed of T. B., he is in a very serious condition.—Mrs. C. G. Bellah, Box 46, Faxon, Okla.

The healing of my body, I am very sick and need prayer; my husband to be saved and healed; my invalid sister to be healed.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Blue Ridge, Ga.

Me to be healed of a severe hurting in my side.—Mrs. Walter Oneal, Rt. 1, Box 125, Luxora, Ark.

Me to be healed, I am in the State Sanatorium with T. B. in both lungs.—Mrs. Sam Wood (colored), State Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

My wife and me to be healed, my feet are so bad I can hardly get around and I have pains in my body sometimes until I can hardly sit still.—R. H. Tadlock, 916 Mary St., Evansville, Ind.

The Lord to heal my husband's body; my family.—Mrs. Lottie Tidwell, Bushnell, Fla.

The Lord to heal me, I have a cancer just under my left eye and one on my nose; my mother, Mrs. Beanie Alexander, to be healed of a cancer on the back of her neck, it gets very bad at times; my father. — Mrs. Ora Lee Dyer, Rt. 3, Douglas Springs, Ala.

God to heal my body, I have been down five weeks sick in bed.—Mrs. J. F. Martin, Box 36, Vicker, Va.

The healing of my body and soul; the healing of my crippled child.—Mrs. Eloise Lindsey, Pelham, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of gall bladder trouble, also other troubles.—Mrs. R. M. Luquire, Rt. 3, Box 40, Greenwood, S. C.

Very urgent unspoken request.—Brother and Sister C. E. French and Brother and Sister C. R. Cook, Logan, W. Va.

The healing of my nerves; me to be healed of neuritis.—Viola Stephenson, Defence Trailer Camp No. 9, Hyland Park, Portsmouth, Va.

God to undertake in the home of my sister for her son. — Mrs. Lydia Figg, Colesburg, Ky.

My mother to be healed of varicose veins and an ulcer on her limb.—Maggie Walker, 1404 5th Ave., E. Decatur, Ala.

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The Minister's Association With the Opposite Sex

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can be done with the pastor as the chief director in all the affairs of the church, without leaving any grounds for suspicion.

The pastor might accompany one of the sisters to town on business for the Church without any harmful intentions. He might go to her home while her husband is at work to discuss some important work of the church. He may have opportunity to speak to her at the close of most every service in regard to some activities of the work. While most all the members of the church are at work he may need the sister who plays the piano to accompany him out in the country to assist in a funeral. Many other opportunities may present themselves that would privilege the pastor to be in the company with some lady member of his church. But, it would not be wise for him to take the advantage of such opportunities. There may be no harm in the beginning, but harm can result from such practices. These are the roads that lead to the precipice over which many preachers have unintentionally fallen to such depths that it will take a lifetime to climb out of, if he is ever able to overcome.

The minister who falls over a woman may be forgiven by both God and the Church but this will remain a scar on his life as long as he lives. He may enter the ministry again; his work may be crowned with success; souls may be brought to Christ through his preaching, but the horrors of his misfortune will continue with him for ever. He may leave the community where he fell and travel into distant lands, the secret of his past sin may be pondered in his own bosom; his friends may attempt to conceal his one-time disastrous fall, but a little bird will follow him to reveal the secret wherever he goes.

WARNING SIGNAL

Observing the sad plight of those who have been overcome, I am attempting in this chapter to hoist the danger signal, to warn the ministry, and especially the young man whose life lies out there in front of him. There is danger, more danger for this generation of ministers than there was for the generation that we are following. There is a spirit of boldness and less shame among the feminine sex than there was one generation ago. The ungodly styles of women's dress likewise add to the danger.

You may boast of your spiritual and moral strength. You may point back to many years of untarnished living. You may hope to overcome in the future as you have in the past. But don't forget you are a human being, living in a body

of flesh that wars against your own spirit, and opposes the Spirit of God.

Many a strong and courageous man who fought bravely and heroically, overcoming the most trying obstacles in life, has been known to yield to the flattering language and smile of a high-spirited, carefree young woman and give up all he had ever worked for in life. He himself was disgraced, his wife was disgraced, his children were disgraced, the church was disgraced, the cause of Christ suffered, and, finally, forfeiting all his claims to eternal life, he sank into hell with all the damned of the earth.

David, the great king of Israel, who slayed his ten thousands of enemies, ruled over the people of God for forty years, composed and sang his famous songs, played upon his harp so heavenly-like that it would quiet the evil spirit of Saul; a man after God's own heart; but one day he was overcome, not by his enemies in war at the point of the sword, nor by the ruling authorities of his own people. But it came to pass in an evening tide that David arose from off his bed and walked upon the roof of the king's house. From the roof he saw a woman washing herself, and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. She was Uriah's wife. David fell into the snare, sin was conceived in his heart and he put the husband of the beautiful woman in the front of the battle to have him killed, and took the poor man's wife to be his own, a sin that ever haunted him.

You might be a great preacher, a silver-tongued orator and sway the multitudes by the power of your persuasive, well-trained voice. You may be the pastor of a historical church or some high official in the general organization. You may be an editor, author, and scholar. Your work may have gained prominence around the world. Then by yielding to the twinkle of the eye of a flattering woman, all that you have worked for to build up in life will slide from under you.

The minister of God must walk cautiously through life, being ever alert to the snares and pitfalls that might await him. Joseph is a wonderful example in overcoming the temptation that befell him in Potiphar's house. The woman mocked him, and he went to the king's prison, but came out with his integrity.

It is much better to be talked about for your carefulness in avoiding association with the opposite sex, than to have the public talking about your friendliness and familiarity with the women, and finally arraigned before an ecclesiastical court and your ministry exterminated, your life ruined and your soul lost.

All we hear would make a large book, but it would contain many errors.

FOR JESUS' SAKE

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guidance, direction and control in our ranks we should and could have. I honestly could not say, "Father, for Jesus' sake, help me write this message," were I to insist that special and earnest effort was being put forth to reach and maintain the Bible standard of holiness and spirituality. Reasons for this low ebb of spirituality and the prevailing worldliness can be attributed largely to a lack of honesty. There is much carrying on outwardly in the name of the Lord. How many prayers are prayed from lips and not from the heart which says, "For Jesus' sake"? You must believe me when I say that God answers no prayer but that which is as unselfish in its purpose as Christ was in His death upon the tree.

Down the road of forsaken holiness and lost spirituality, I can see the footprints of women and men who one time humbly, meekly sacrificed and suffered and served for Jesus' sake. Down that shameful and treacherous road will go all people and movements who forsake the lofty ideals of Him whom we mention when we say in prayer, "I ask for Jesus' sake," or when we apologize for our conduct and say we do it for Jesus' sake.

The second thing in our topic is

Exhaustless Power

For standing and applying this short text or supplying a motive of power with no limit. There is no duty which the Bible imposes upon us but what the author provides the power. Let us take the threefold duty of love. First, love for God; second, love for His Church; third, love for the lost sinner. We are to love God for Jesus' sake because it was Jesus who reconciled us to God. He became sentenced for us. He bore our sorrows and griefs before the iniquities of us all. By his stripes we are healed. He bore our sins in His own body. It was because of His love that God gave Him to us. John 3:16, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son," to us. Romans 5:6, "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Love begets love and love can only be requited by love returned. We love God for Jesus' sake.

Our Love for the Church

It was Christ who purchased the church. Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Christ is the foundation of it. 1 Corinthians 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Ephesians

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REPORTS

Expecting Great Things

DRAPER, N. C. — This is just to sound a few notes of praise to the Lord for our church at Draper and our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Clyde C. Williams. We consider ourselves fortunate indeed in being permitted to have them with us for another year. The entire town has learned to love and appreciate their work for God and His Church. During the past year we had thirty-five additions to the church. Numbers have been saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and baptized in water. We plan to build new Sunday School rooms in the near future. We will also have a radio program very soon. We are expecting great things to be accomplished for God and His Church in the very near future.—Mrs. Annie Mae Manuel, clerk.

Church Organized at Milford, Ohio

The saints at Milford, Ohio, wish to take this opportunity to praise and thank God because the Church of God has been established here at last. The work was started here a year ago by Brother Lawrence Hughes, pastor of the Crescent Springs, Ky., church, and we are sure that his reward in heaven will be great for his untiring efforts in behalf of the work here.

Brother R. J. Staats, pastor of the Cincinnati church and our district overseer, appointed others to come out and help us, and he also preached for us many times. We appreciate the help that he has given us during the past year.

The church was set in order on Sunday night, Nov. 15, 1942, by our pastor, Brother Newton Crider, who is a wonderful man of God. Eleven of the saints came in as charter members, and we thank God for every one of them. The following night we held a meeting to appoint officers; the Lord was with us, and the meeting was enjoyed by all.

The people who have been attending the church here feel greatly encouraged, and we invite all who can to visit the Church of God at Milford, Ohio. Our services are on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p. m.; Y.P.E. on Thursday nights at 8:00 p. m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. and service Sundays at 7:30 p. m. We desire your prayers that God will bless the work here and help it to grow.—Virginia Cottings, reporter.

Working and Planning

I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed our church here at Beasleys

Chapel since the Assembly. We have the indebtedness paid off on our church; we have raised our one-dollar-per-member state mission quota, and our Evangel and aged ministers' quotas. We are proud of our new pastor, Brother A. G. Kennington. He surely is doing a great work here. Brother Ellis, our district pastor, of Dyersburg, is holding a revival for us at present and doing some good preaching.

We are planning to paint our church in the near future and make an addition soon. Please pray for the little church out here, that we will stay in the will of the Lord. Pray for my wife and me that our health will improve; also pray for my children that they will get closer to the Lord and do His will.—Frank Jernigan, Rt. 5, Ripley, Tenn.

Church Progressing in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—We are glad to report that the Church of God is rapidly progressing in Chicago. This being our second year here as pastor, the Lord is still blessing and I feel that this will be one of the greatest years we have ever had in seeing the work of the Lord grow. Since the Assembly a number have been saved and sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and four added to the church.

Since buying the new church building this past year, we have paid \$1,800 on it and an additional \$92.00 for three years' insurance. The new church is located at 538 North Laverne Avenue, five blocks north of Madison Street and two blocks west of Cicero Avenue. We extend a special invitation to the members and friends of the church who have recently moved in and around Chicago.

We can say for the laity of the church here that we have one of the best groups of people to work with that could be found anywhere, and they believe in seeing the program of the Church go over one hundred per cent in everything.—A. G. Phillips, pastor, 538 N. Laverne Ave.

BAXTER, Tenn.—I still thank God for victory in my soul. I praise His name for He has been so good to me. Pray for me that I will hold out faithfully and do His will. Pray for my loved ones who are out in sin that they will be saved before it is too late.

We thank God for our pastor, Willie Winfree; he is a wonderful preacher and a good worker here. Pray for us that we will go over the top for God.—Ruby Wheeler.

REVIVALS

FERNDALE, Mich. — The Ferndale Church of God was privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kustel for four weeks of successful revival meetings. God truly blessed the very first service as we partook of the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. His healing power was manifested and there was a real shout in the camp. Ten souls were saved during the revival and all were greatly blessed.

The attendance at the young people's meeting was greatly increased, due to the interesting chalk talks by Sister Kustel. Brother Kustel's testimony certainly reveals that God is no respecter of persons, taking him from the Gilbert Islands and heathenism and wonderfully saving and using him to preach the gospel. We certainly can recommend the Kustels to any church in need of a revival, as they are truly consecrated workers for God.

We were so thankful to have Rev. and Sister Thibodeau return to us for another year, that we tried to show our gratitude by bestowing a harvest shower on them. One hundred jars of home canned goods, as well as potatoes, apples, squash, honey and baked goods, were presented to them at a gathering at the home of Sister Downey in Royal Oak, Mich. A happy time was enjoyed by about seventy-five members and friends of Ferndale.

We pray that God will continue to bless our pastor and his dear companion and keep on giving us a harvest of souls.—Mrs. Leroy Sharp.

JELICO, Tenn.—I praise God for His presence and for the revival that just closed here conducted by Brother Ezra Waldrop, of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. The Lord certainly blessed from the very beginning. Old time conviction seized people's hearts and they did some real old time preaching. The results were nine saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. Brother Waldrop did some real old-time preaching. The revival closed with feet washing and communion service moderated by our district pastor, Rev. C. M. Taylor. The power of the Lord fell, and people shouted, danced, talked in tongues, and praised God.

One thing we appreciate so much was a visit from our state overseer, Rev. J. D. Bright, on the first night of the revival, and the message from this man of God stirred the hearts of the people and the result was a great revival. Praise the Lord! We ask all to pray for this place that God will continue to bless. There are some of the best people that we ever met here at Jellico. They love

God and His Church.

We had a home-coming service here November 29. The offering on the church amounted to \$253.16. That is the way our people love God.

Pray for our boy, Pvt. Orville Clark, in the camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., that God will protect him. He is a child of God. May God bless all who reads this.—B. H. Clark, pastor, and wife.

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. — We have just closed an old time revival which ran three weeks. God met with us every night in a wonderful way. Campbellsville was stirred with old time, Holy Ghost preaching. I am glad to report victory over sin and the devil. Praise His good name for ever! I feel more like traveling on for Jesus, than ever before, as time is getting short and the night cometh when no man can work. I feel like running up the King's highway.

The meeting closed Sunday night, November 22, with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Four were saved, three sanctified, and one backslider came back to God.

We began here at Shelbyville, Ky., Monday night, November 23, at the Church of God, 304 North Street. So far the altar has been full every night and three have prayed through to salvation. We are looking for a landslide. Pray much for the church here. Pray that God will keep us in the work for Him and His great Church.—G. R. Morris, evangelist, and party.

GREENWOOD, S. C. — A three weeks' revival was held in November at the Church of God in Greenwood, S. C. There were nineteen saved, nine sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church.

Rev. G. L. Waters, of Greer, was the evangelist. Two after-midnight prayer meetings were held with good attendance and an outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord. Brother Waters is a consecrated man of God, and his timely messages were inspiring to all. The church has been greatly blessed by this revival and we are not only shouting and praising God but we are working also. We have raised over \$260.00 for our orphans during this revival, and also a good mission offering. In the closing service the congregation tried to express their appreciation of Brother Waters' untiring efforts in this revival by presenting him with an extra love offering with which to buy a suit of clothes.—Frank L. Muller, pastor.

SARASOTA, Fla. — We have just closed a two weeks' revival here at Sarasota, C. M. Phillips, our pastor, doing the preaching, assisted by Brother Key, of Manatee. The Lord surely blessed. Sev-

eral were saved, some sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for our good pastor. He is surely a man of God. Pray much for us.—Mrs. Minnie Constable.

FIELD, Ky.—We have just closed a wonderful two weeks' revival here at the Church of God, conducted by Sister Lydia Shepherd, Insull, Ky., minister of Pentecostal Workers of the World. She is interested in coming into the Church of God. She worked successfully with the church here. All the saints enjoyed many good blessings while she was here. Also the good messages went forth and reached the hearts of lost sinners and backsliders. One was saved, three backsliders restored, two sanctified, one baptized in water, and two added to the church. Our pastor, Wesley W. Wilson, came on both week ends to be with us and did the baptizing. Everyone enjoyed his messages so much.

We are glad to know that we still serve a God who can answer prayers. We have had so much opposition here, but we still prayed and held on to God. Now our church has begun to grow. Oh, I am so glad I can feel His good Spirit bubbling up in my soul as I write this morning. Praise His name for a Savior that is so good to come to our rescue when we were lost, and saved our souls from sin, sanctified us through His precious blood, gave us the sweet Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and so wonderfully heals our bodies.—Mrs. Hazel Hopkins.

TESTIMONIES

It Pays To Serve Jesus

I am so glad I can say Jesus is a wonderful unfailing friend to me. I received Christ as my personal Savior thirteen years ago. I am saved and filled with His blessed Spirit.

The recent visit of our General Overseer, Brother Walker, in our home was such a spiritual uplift to us. I am so glad I am about to enter the Church of God. I have been an evangelist for two years and now I hope to be an evangelist in the Church of God. I hope to meet with many dear ones who love their Savior. I am young, twenty years of age, and I have one desire and that is to serve Christ. I love to see souls brought to Calvary and be born again of the Spirit of Christ.

My prayer and desire is that I may be true and that God may lead me on through this pilgrim way. I want to serve Him each day of my life. He has done so much for me.—Miss Mary Costantino, Rt. 2, Johnstown, New York.

There Will Never Be Sorrow Up There

LYNCHBURG, Va.—Dear Evangel Readers, this morning I praise God for His mercy and goodness to me. I praise Him for the hope I have in eternal life. I sent my name ahead seventeen years ago when I received the Holy Ghost and praise His dear name He still abides. I am expecting to take a trip soon. I have dear ones I expect to see and I want to see Jesus the one who shed His precious blood for me. I want to be where the hand of death will never knock on heaven's door. Here he visits our homes and takes our dear ones, but up there there will never be a sorrow, pain or heartache. Just think! never to weep, never to say good-bye, never to wonder what will be on tomorrow.

I can never praise Him enough for what He is to me. He always answers prayer. I have been tested and tried so many times, but God's Word says we are purified, made white, then tried. I feel that I am going through the trial. Pray that I may come out safely. Just a few more days and I will say farewell and take my long expected trip and be with Jesus. Forty-three years ago I was saved, and as the song says, I can tell you the time; I can tell you the place. Pray for me.—Nona Hudson.

God Is Still on the Throne

DARLOVE, Miss.—Dear Evangel Readers, I thank the Lord for what He has been to me. I praise Him for the sweet Holy Ghost. It seems sometimes that I am almost backslidden but I know that God is on the throne. I know He is able to deliver us out of temptations. I want to hold on to God; I need help from God. The devil is after me so strong. Pray for me that I will hold out. I want to be an overcomer. Dear souls, we need to be more in prayer to God in these perilous days. We are drawing nearer to the coming of the Lord. Saints, be much in prayer for me that I may be ready when He comes.—Vardaman Dyson.

My Testimony

NEWBERRY, Fla.—I thank the Lord for what He is to me, for the way He blessed in my home last Sunday night when a black widow spider bit my little boy. We prayed and God blessed in a wonderful way. God is able to do all things and is a match for black widow spiders or anything else.

Pray for the work here at Newberry, Fla. God is blessing. We are in a revival now with Sister Denmark, of Homerville, Ga. Pray for us.—H. H. Mathis, Box 111.

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1943

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His people and people will fall in the altar slain by the mighty power of Almighty God in the old time way.

ILLUSTRATIONS

I am reminded of an incident which is said to have happened on one of the battle fronts of a great war. This incident shows the courage and sympathy of King Victor Emmanuel III, of Italy. In the midst of shell fire a lieutenant who had fallen, mortally wounded, called a soldier and gave him a few keepsakes to convey to his family, and then ordered him to fly. But the soldier tried to carry the lieutenant to a place of safety. Some gunners called to him through the infernal fire, "Save yourself, save yourself." But still he remained. In the distance a motor horn could be heard, and a whisper went around that the king had left the field. The soldier still struggled with the officer's body, but the lieutenant died in his arms. Flinging himself on the corpse, the young fellow exclaimed with tears, "Even the king has gone away!" Then a hand touched his shoulder. He shook himself, rose, and stood at attention. "My dear boy," said the king, "the car has gone, but the king is still with you." And there they remained until the end of the day. Our King is still with us. He promises to continue with us through this year and all the years before us.

I read of a little boy who was sent on an errand, not a big boy but just a little boy. About to start, he paused uncertainly in the doorway; "Mother," he said in troubled tones, "it is not so far, but it is a new road to me. I am not exactly afraid, but couldn't you go a little way with me?" She caught the anxiousness of the childlike appeal and said quietly, "Mother will go all the way with you, Son." And so with his little brown hand in his mother's he walked the new way unafraid.

As we stand at the beginning of this year, the unknown way before us, there is One who stands at our side; and He says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." I am also reminded at this time of something I read concerning a general. It has been said that a general who had led his army on a long and tedious journey through a wilderness, was about to encamp for the night when they received word that the enemy was planning to attack them at a certain point. "Double guard that point tonight," was his order. If you want this year to be the best of your life, double guard all of last year's weak points. Yes, each and every one of us should endeavor to use our mistakes as steppingstones to higher heights and deeper depths.

GROW SOME NEW WOOD

When Longfellow was well along in years, he was asked how it was that he was able to keep so vigorous and write so beautifully. His reply was to point to a blooming apple tree near by, and say, "That apple tree is very old, but I never saw prettier blossoms upon it than those it now bears. The tree grows a little new wood every year, and I suppose that it is out of the new wood that those blossoms come. Like the apple tree, I try to grow a little new wood each year." Try this plan yourself as the new year begins. Yes, let each of us endeavor to grow some new wood so that we will have a new song, a new sermon, a new touch of God; and the glory of God will bloom out of our lives throughout this entire new year.

May God bless and help is the sincere prayer of the writer.

MISSION

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prayer because they saw with their own eyes the healing of Paul from his leprosy. Paul is completely healed and is in good health. The more the people know about this, the greater is their desire to have the God who gave him this healing and they are now coming with this idea in mind. Those who have lately joined us belong to the family of this Paul.

"The present building where we are gathering has not enough room for the purpose . . . Last week there were tarrying meetings from Tuesday to Friday. The meetings were very happily conducted. Now some are calling us for some cottage meetings . . . The monthly meeting was conducted at Adoor. More than forty people went from here for that meeting; we had a very happy one."

Note: Brother Koshy and his wife have both had training in our Bible School. Please pray especially for them and for other Bible students who are out in the work.—Bertha N. Cook.

Calicut Work (South India)

For three months the church in Calicut has been without a pastor but one of the main members writes that the church has been waiting in prayer and has been revived. They have been urging us to send a worker there but we have had no suitable one to send to remain there permanently. Last week we sent two evangelists to be there for a time. Another member writes us as follows: "I am very closely studying the gospel and let me praise His precious name that He makes me understand the real, the powerful and the underlying meanings of His living words, but I am sorry to inform you that I have very few guidance written by children of God (believers) to study the Bible . . . I have no time enough to study. But I change some

hours of the night into day and study the Word of God. Even though I had no belief in the power of baptism of Holy Ghost one year ago, now the Word of God is making me understand and I do believe it completely with my whole heart. Praise the Lord, I am waiting in earnest prayer for the blessed rain, along with my other sisters and brothers, so please remember me in all your prayers. I am really very proud of the Church of God and I am dare enough to trumpet this plan of the church at anywhere to anybody. May Lord Jesus help me to become a true and beloved son of Him. I love His churches very much . . ."

Note: I have written this as the brother wrote us—in his own English.—Bertha N. Cook.

REQUESTS

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My daughter to be saved and healed; my sister-in-law's mind to be restored.—Mrs. Mary McGray, Rt. 1, Box 42, Broxton, Ga.

My mother to be healed.—Miss Catherine Edeas, Marietta, S. C., Rt. 2.

The healing of my body. I hurt myself and now I almost have pneumonia and my heart and nerves are bothering me also.—Pairlee Romine, Rt. 1, Quinton, Ala.

The healing of my body.—A sister in the Church of God, Norman, Okla.

Me to be healed of something like eczema on my limb.—R. C. Lee, 314 Heyward St., Columbia, S. C.

The healing of my baby.—Mrs. J. W. Mostiller, 724 37th Pl., N., Birmingham, Ala.

The healing of my body of effected tonsils and a very bad cough.—Eva Jewell Middleton, Crab Orchard, Ky.

Melvin Coats to be healed of bladder trouble; Mr. Lea to be healed; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. Maggie Perry Coats, Rt. 2, Box 39, Tyrone, Ark.

From a Soldier Boy

Dear Saints: I have been in the Army for my country for almost seventeen months and I do want to be a soldier of the cross for Jesus. I thank the Lord for keeping me in this country this long and I know He is able to keep me here, if it is His will. I haven't salvation so please pray for me that I will get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and be ready to go any time Jesus calls or comes.—Pvt. Robert Hardenbrook, Co. C, 28th Inf. A. P. O. No. 8, 8th Mtz. Div. 34 054, 968, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

THE PROGRESS OF TIME

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lightenment to the soul before we can help the soul of man. May God anoint everyone, especially the ministers, with a message that will reach the heart, convince the intellect, and persuade men everywhere to surrender completely to Christ. May this be uppermost, may it be the central theme and thought of your life—the salvation of souls. That is the greatest work of all the world. It was the continual work of our Lord. We must make it ours—to seek and to save that which was lost. Time and tide wait for no man. Napoleon's clock, at Malmaison, had on it these words: "Non nes-cit reverti," meaning, "It does not know how to go backward." So time gone can never be reclaimed.

A Scottish minister, it is said, preached a sermon on the subject "Hats Off to the Past, Coats Off to the Future." That is a splendid way to put it. Rejoice over the victories of the past and plunge into the future with a resolution to work harder and accomplish more in the future than in the past.

RETROSPECTIVE VIEW

Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are behind, . . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We are to forget the bitter memories of misdirected paths and place the bitter memories of misdirected paths, the mistakes and the failures under cover of the blood. If the results of your whole life's work are not what you desired, remember that it is our responsibility to work for God every opportunity and leave the results with Him. He knows, He cares, He understands, and He alone will reward you.

Our records show, as reported by our ministers, that there were approximately 42,000 souls converted, 20,000 sanctified, 14,000 filled with the Holy Ghost and 13,000 added to the Church. There were, of course, far too many who slipped, as it were, through our fingers, out of the Sunday School, out of the choir, away from the altar and church. May God ever keep us burdened for lost souls. There was the greatest program of prayer in the Church that we have ever had. These are, indeed, perilous times when men ought always to pray.

PROGRESS FINANCIALLY

Church Outstrips Business World in Financial Gain

The Church of God enjoyed the greatest financial prosperity last year in all its history thus far. The financial barometer shown in *Business Week*, which indicates the business increase, taken from the many hundreds of business records in production, trade, prices, finance, with banking the millions of dollars, showed for September a standard of 186 com-

pared to one year previous at 160, thus indicating an increase of 26 per cent in all business activities. At the same time the Church of God shows a little better than 39 per cent increase financially. Yes, this is positive proof that the Church is certainly working.

On December 12 the *Business Week* barometer reads 189 compared with one year ago at 163, or a 26 per cent increase over the same period of last year. On the tithes, missions, orphanage, aged ministers' and ministers' widows' fund, the financial increase shows above 45 per cent over last year's high record. The increase in property value was more than two million dollars last year.

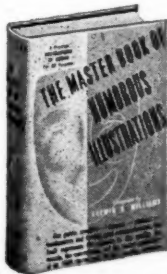
While we all know that accumulating money is not religion, at the same time we know that the home, society, business, government, and religion could not exist without a medium of exchange for service. Therefore in 1943 let us value our time and consider how quickly it slips by, prove every moment, and improve and consecrate every moment. Let our aim be to please Him, be ready for work, zealous for work, diligent in work, unwearied of work, and do not boast as to our life, our wealth, our mental attainments, but put all you have into the service today, for we are instructed, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Nevertheless, with the history of the past as our teacher, and the Word of God and the Holy Spirit our guide and director, we welcome the new year, we challenge our opportunities, we face life's realities, and leave the results with God.

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Obituaries

MILLS

Sister Alice Mills, a loyal member of the Church of God, was born Aug. 8, 1875, and departed this life to be with Jesus Oct. 26, 1942; age sixty-seven years, two months and eighteen days.—Pastor, Ed Johnson, Sweetwater, Tenn.

GARLAND

W. B. Garland, Jr., a Christian boy and member of the Decatur, Ala., Sunday School, departed this life to be with Jesus Nov. 24, 1942; age ten years.—Pastor, M. M. Mortenson, Decatur, Ala.

FOR JESUS' SAKE

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2:20, "Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." It is His body. 1 Corinthians 12:27, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." He is the head of it. Ephesians 1:22, "Gave him to be the head of all things to the church." He is coming for it to present it to Himself. Ephesians 5:27, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." Its standard may be high, He set it. Its teachings and doctrines may be strict, but He gave them. It has been called upon to be separated from the world, but He asked it. Its government may be, and is, more exacting than the governments of men; but He set it in the Church, regardless of the service or sacrifice or suffering imposed upon it. Let us be true to the Church; love it for His sake.

Last, but not least,

Our Love for the Lost World

For sinners, for friends, for loved ones who know not God. Men have sinned against us and we have been deeply offended. Looking at it purely from a natural standpoint, we judge them to be worthy of nothing but punishment; but when looking at it from the divine viewpoint, we are convinced that God for Christ's sake forgives them, even though they have been His enemies. And even though some have been our enemies, let us ask God to fill our hearts with that something which says, "For Jesus' sake I forgive. For Jesus' sake I forget." Then may we consider our every word and deed. If it be criticism, let us be sure that we offered it for Jesus' sake. If it be an excuse, make it for Jesus' sake. I would be unworthy of entering the new year or enjoying the least of its blessings, could not God read within my very heart and see upon the altar of my poor soul this inscription, "For Jesus' sake."

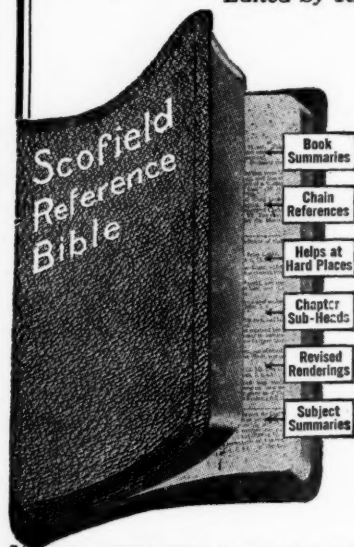
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